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Deacon William Garnett.

The following account of the late honored Deacon Garnett appeared in the columns of *The Standard*:

William Garnett died at his home, 3632 Forest Ave., on April 16, aged ninety years. He had been for more than thirty-two years a deacon of the First Church, of Chicago. He was a native of Kentucky and was a deacon in the Walnut Street Church, at Louisville, before he came to Chicago, which was in 1862.

While a resident of the South he was cashier of the Southern Bank, at Louisville. Those who knew him in the days of his active and vigorous life speak of him as a man of remarkable strength of character. His father was a slave owner, and in the early days he had come to look upon the institution of slavery as a matter of course. In the part of the country where he grew to manhood the one way to make money was to own slaves and to make them profitable. Understanding this, he decided that his start in life should be made in this way, by a good investment in slaves. So when he married it was decided that his future wife should ask that her wedding portion should be in slaves, so that their worldly possessions were chiefly "our people," as they called them. Deacon Garnett's marriage took place in 1840. Six years later the anti-slavery agitation began, and its influence commenced to be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land. Mr. Garnett was a careful and open-minded student of the abolitionist literature. At last he became convinced that slavery was wrong. He attributed this conviction and his subsequent heroic action to the fact that he had become a Christian when he was thirteen years of age; and, in consequence of this changed attitude of his life, whatever he regarded as an evil it was necessary for him to eschew and battle against. So he talked over the matter with his wife and together they decided to free their slaves, though it deprived them of nearly the whole of their property.

Through his entire life Deacon Garnett was a man of deep convictions. He combined with this attribute, however, a gentleness and nobility of character which attracted all men to him and gave him a place of large influence in the church and amongst his friends and business associates. During the past few years he had led quite a

retired life, owing to his advanced years, but was frequently to be seen in his place in the sanctuary on the Lord's day. During the lengthy period of his connection with the First Church he gave unstintingly and effectively his time, his labor and his means to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. He aided greatly in all the plans and progress of the church. He was a man thoroughly consecrated and deeply imbued with the spirit of his Master."

At the Communion service on May 6 several brief addresses were made, memorializing the character and work of Deacon Garnett. Deacon Neal spoke as follows:

During the lengthy period of his connection with the First Church, he gave constantly of his means and time to the service of the church. He was a man thoroughly consecrated and devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ. Having been intimately associated with Deacon Garnett for more than twenty-nine years, I have had ample opportunity to study his character. How unsparingly he gave of his time and his money in the support of the church. The fact that is stated, that he freed his slaves because he felt that slavery was wrong, was eminently characteristic of him. I could mention many other instances illustrating this fidelity. And whatever he thought was right, that he would adhere to. I can bring to his memory a loving tribute. Having met with him in connection with the affairs of the church under many trying circumstances, I can testify to his kindly Christian character. One who was very dear to me and who has long since gone from me, used to say as she looked at him, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." I can say that in all the time in which I knew him I never heard him say an unkind word of any living person, and so I would say as I close, we have met with a great loss. His influence has not been great amongst us these last few years, because of his advanced age. But he served this church long and faithfully. There are very few men like Deacon Garnett. Peace to his memory! May we be like him.

Deacon Goodman said: I cannot help bearing testimony to the truth of the words of Deacon Neal. Deacon Garnett was an intimate associate and very dear to me.

He was a man of purity and love; and this morning I cannot but rejoice and be comforted with the blessed Gospel, which he loved and which has brought immortality to life. That blessed Gospel enables us to think of him as gone before us to meet those he loved. We have

that the words which have come to us from him, and also from Deacon Goodman, whom many of us feared would not be able to be here this morning, have been a blessing and an inspiration to us. I felt that I could not speak fittingly of him, because I had not met him un-



DEACON WILLIAM GARNETT.

no occasion to mourn this morning about Deacon Garnett. With him all is well. His bosom is at rest. His tears are dried forever.

Dr. de Blois' tribute: I asked Deacon Neal to speak of Deacon Garnett because for nearly thirty years they worked shoulder to shoulder, serving in deed and word the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure

til now, and again in the later years of his life I felt I could not do justice to his royally faithful devotion, because I had not known him in the way of social or personal intimacy in the days of his full power. And yet the sweet savor of his life is abroad in this church today and in the lives of those who came in contact with him. He seemed to combine the elements which were combined in the mind of Jesus Christ. He

was a positive man, a man of conviction, and yet a gentleman, in the highest use of that good word. I think those are elements which are most needed today and which are most difficult to find. It is hard to be both gentle and strong in the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our days are so strenuous and so intense, yet in the midst of these formidable conditions, in the midst of the turmoil, in the midst of the pressure and strain of earthly things, there was one who followed his Master, who loved Him, who main-

tained in the beauty of simplicity a faith in the enduring things and the things unseen. Is it not well to emulate such a life and thank God in remembering that such a life was lived out in the midst of our church? God make us such Christians as he was; and bring us into the life of the just, that the things of earth may drop away from us and the beauty of Christ's life may more and more appeal to us and become a part of us.



On the Way to Burma.

Namkham, Burma, March 6, 1906.

Dear Mr. Embree:

I fear you will have long since come to the conclusion that I have lost all the good intentions to which I confessed when I bade you final farewell. The fact is far to the contrary however; nor have I forgotten First Church and the good people who showed such generous interest in my ordination. It would not be easy to forget the home church with my church-paperweight always before me on my desk, even if an occasional attack of home-sickness for one of Dr. de Blois's sermons did not turn my thoughts flying homeward.

A bare six months has passed since we left Chicago but the time has been so full of change it seems a year or more. Since I have not begun preaching and have no converts to tell about perhaps you will permit me a few words about our trip. From Chicago we went to Mrs. Rittenhouse's home, Charleston, Ill., and thence to Boston. The Missionary Union had provided an eight-day conference for the twenty-one missionaries sailing at that time and this proved a pleasant farewell as well as a very helpful introduction to mission work. The meetings were held in Tremont Temple where the Union have their rooms. Dr. Henson had just returned from his vacation and not the least of the pleasures was to feel his hearty grip and see his memorable smile; the same for Mr. Parker. Sailing from Boston Sept. 21, we arrived in Liverpool at noon on the 29th, after a quiet, uneventful passage mostly in fog. The days were spent in the usual round of walking, talking, eating, and sleeping and we were more than glad to see the rocky outposts of Ireland on the morning of the seventh day out. We were met at the wharf in Liverpool by a representative of the Union, who took entire charge of us and our baggage, making all arrangements for our stay in England and re-embarking for our several ports of destination. Some went to London, some to the Welsh revival, and three of us spent the five days of our stay in England resting in the quaint little town of Chester. The chief interest tourists have in the place, of course lies in its relics, so these have been preserved and cherished. The old Roman Wall, historic old houses, Roman antiquities of every description, are the town's chief asset. To us the town was beautiful because of its setting of picturesque country-side. We spent one day in a visit to Hawarden, and felt well repaid.

It seems to me that men who have been great in times of peace, have left us in their homes and haunts, a true and lasting tribute to their several ruling passions; certainly we have in Gladstone's home the broad views of hill and dale, meadow and woodland, that symbolize his broad-minded yet simple Christianity, and the splendid specimens of arboriculture that call to mind his sublime dignity and lofty ideals. We will never forget or regret our day at Hawarden.

On October 5th, 17 of the 21, sailed from Liverpool, bound for Rangoon, Burma. The four, who were appointed to stations in India, sailed from London, bound for Calcutta. The trip was comparatively uneventful. We were unfortunate in passing most of the points of interest at night. The Spanish coast was in plain sight but offered little of interest. We only saw the lights of Gibraltar, and Algeria. We had a little taste of rough weather, a day or two after passing Gibraltar that forcibly reminded us of the rough treatment those same waters accorded the first missionary eighteen centuries ago.

The African coast as far as Cape Bon was continually in sight and offered sights of interest, little Moorish villages, of white domeroofed houses, lonely light-houses also in white, and a few fertile valleys, though far more bleak head-lands.

We dropped anchor at Port Said about 10 o'clock in the evening of October 18th and spent the night there. The Arabs came out to take us ashore in stumpy little row-boats. We went ashore and looked about the town until midnight. Most of the shops are open all night because it is such a maratime place, and the shops are nearly all dependent on tourists and sailors for their business. The day in the canal was a pleasant relief from the monotony of ocean travel. Port Said was just another Midway, odd, yet strangely familiar, too cosmopolitan to be really oriental; but the sights along the canal are characteristically oriental. The lazy camel-trains on the road to Mecca, the husky Arabs who hurry to the shore in row-boats, to carry hawsers to the tie-posts when we stop to let another vessel pass, the funny tubs of boats carrying stone to the cities, two three-cornered sails dirty and gaudy colored and loaded to the limit so that the waves from our prow washed their decks, these are factors in the real life of the orient.

The Red Sea was very hot and wearisome. At first we could see a range of barren moun-

tains on the eastern shore, and we remembered that the Children of Israel wearied their eyes with the same dreary sight. After leaving them there was nothing to do but try and keep cool and it kept everyone busy. The Indian Ocean was a little better. Flying-fish and an occasional whale, and at night the phosphorescent jelly-fish, offered some diversion, but everyone was glad to see land and know that we would soon feel solid ground beneath our feet, and sleep in life-size beds, and eat a home cooked meal. I find that a missionary's flesh desires creature comforts just the same as that of other men. We received a rousing reception at the hands of the old missionaries. Our stay in

Rangoon, some, a week, some a day, was a continual round of cheery greetings. We were invited out to breakfasts and dinners, we were shown about the city, and every possible effort was made to let us know that we were welcome among Burma's Baptist missionaries. The same spirit was evident all the way up from Rangoon here, and when at last we sat down in our own home to think it all over, we decided it was good to be a Baptist Burman missionary. I will have to catch my breath before attempting to tell any of our experiences on the way here or what we found when we arrived; but let me remain,
Fraternally yours,
WALTER RITTENHOUSE.



The Pastor's Message.

During the past month the two oldest members of our church have passed on to the better land. Miss Isabella Harvey was ninety-two years of age and Deacon Garnett ninety. Though unable in recent years to take active and aggressive part in the work of the church they were deeply interested in all that concerned its life and progress. In the last conversation that I had with Miss Harvey, shortly before her death, she showed an intimate knowledge of the life of our different organizations and spoke especially of the woman's societies. During the period of her membership with the First Church, she gave liberally to the support of every worthy cause and was an example of rare faithfulness in all that concerned the progress of the kingdom of Christ.

There have been many funerals during the past month, more than I have ever had during any month since I have been in Chicago. Nearly all of these were of people who were not directly identified with our church. In almost all cases, however, they were in the habit of attending our church more or less regularly, especially on Sunday evenings. I am impressed more and more with the fact that there are a large number of people living in this vicinity who come in and go out at the doors of our church, but whom we do not know. I wish that there might be some way other than that of a funeral or wedding of becoming acquainted with the fact that they are our friends and interested in our church. True, we are all the time seeking through one organization or another to come into fellowship with these good friends, but I am persuaded that the problem will never be solved and our duty never properly done unless more of us are present to welcome them at our evening service on Sunday. This may seem to be referring to a hackneyed theme. It is notwithstanding a very new and very vital thing. It is a question which is constantly facing us. The most encouraging feature in connection with this missionary service of our church is the fact that such fine results are reached by those who really consecrate themselves to it in vigor and with spirit. It should not, of course, be the work of a few individuals, who see their duty

more clearly or are willing to undertake their responsibility more loyally than the rest; yet it is a matter upon which we should most heartily congratulate ourselves as a church that we have such people amongst us, who are ever on the alert to greet strangers at these evening services, and make them feel that they are welcome within our church home.

Many addresses have been changed and many of our members have moved since the publication of the last issue of our Journal. I am anxious to obtain a correct list of the changes of address. A little thoughtfulness on the part of those who know of such changes will enable us to locate our members in their new dwelling places. A few of those who have been active workers amongst us have removed their residence from the city, but I think that their number is small. We shall greatly miss the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Coyle, who have just removed to Clyde. For years Mr. Coyle has been doing in a quiet way, a work of real and permanent value at Raymond Chapel. His devotion has been unceasing and noteworthy. I hope that those of our members who are moving farther south will not sever their relationship with the church.

We have members living beyond Fiftieth street who come with great regularity to our services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The mere matter of distance does not interfere with the deeper things of the spirit. Our church would be heavily impoverished and greatly weakened if these good people should relax their interest or remove their membership. Besides the fact of their devotion, the example which they set is stimulating, and I am sure it reacts upon those of us who are in close proximity to the church. Again and again I hear the remark from those who live two or three miles away from the church building: "I would not for anything give up my relations with the old church." Let us thank God for such sentiments and for the faith and love which inspire them.

Again the summer season draws near. Some of the societies are about closing their work, and will not be in full tide of action again until

the autumn. The church itself does not close. The three regular church services on Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening continue without a break. It seems to me that a part at least of the energy spent during the winter in the conduct of the various organizations which close their regular work at this time, should be given to more enthusiastic support of the stated services of the church during the summer. In this way there will be no lack of strength, and the church itself will be in excellent condition for the swing and the full tide in the autumn again. There are two organiza-

tions which continue their work without cessation, the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor society. It should be our task and privilege to aid these two important branches of our work in all their efforts and plans during the idle season. The very fact that eight or ten of the societies have completed their special work should certainly make those that continue their meetings all the more alert, resourceful and victorious.

Your affectionate pastor,
AUSTEN K. DE BLOIS.



The Church at Work.

Sunday School.

Much interest is being developed in the Intermediate Department in the competition between classes for the Best Attendance Banner for each month. The best records since last fall have been as follows:

October, 1905. Class 11—Mr. Wigney, Teacher.

November, 1906. Class 19—Miss Blanche Pickett, Teacher.

December, 1905. Class 24—Mr. Robert C. Leland, Teacher.

January, 1906. Class 7—Mr. Jas. C. Graham Teacher.

February, 1906. Class 24—Mr. Robert C. Leland, Teacher.

March, 1906. Class 24—Mr. Robert C. Leland, Teacher.

Thus it will be seen that No. 24 has had the banner for the longest time, but the other classes have been pretty close. For instance, the averages for the three best classes for March were as follows:

Class 24—90 per cent.

Class 11—86 per cent.

Class 7—80 per cent showing that the best attendance records from month to month are held by the same few classes.

The members of Mr. Leland's class are as follows: Richard Hiney, Don Thompson, Leonard Fleckenstein, and Paul Bellew—names that will be remembered down stairs as badge winners.

Cannot some other classes "bust" up this "Trust?" In connection with the subject of good attendance the scholars who came up from the Primary Department certainly excel the older members of the Intermediate Department, as the records of all these new classes show great faithfulness. In November, 1905, Miss Pickett's Class No. 19 of six boys had an average of 94.6 per cent. Miss Van Fradenburg's class of 8 girls is also faithful.

In recognition of good attendance records the officers have decided to award bars in the Intermediate Department just as soon as the dies can be made. These badges will not be as large as those that have been given in the Primary Department but will follow the same system with which we wish the teacher and scholars to become familiar.

The badge and first bar (bronze) will be given for attendance for 13 consecutive Sundays, if the scholar should continue for another 13 Sundays without missing—making 26 in all, he will receive the next bar (black)—for 39 Sundays, a silver plated bar, and for 52 a gold plated bar. but should the scholar come for 13 Sundays and then miss a few times and later come for another period of 13 Sundays he will receive another bronze bar instead of the black bar—thus making a distinction between those who come without missing at all and those who come for three months and miss a few times and then come again for a period of three months.

To the three scholars having the highest attendance averages for the whole year, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes (in the form of gold plated, silver plated and bronze stars respectively) will be given. In this connection both teachers and scholars should remember that Early (E) counts 10. Late (L) counts 7 and Absent (A) counts 0.

Another feature will be a special crossed bar to be added for bringing in four new regular scholars (each of whom shall attend for 4 consecutive Sundays). All these badges will have value simply because of the fact that they have to be worked for and cannot be earned without an effort. The bar for bringing in new scholars will be a distinction especially worth striving for. Begin your record at once—as badges will be given on past attendance as far back as the first absence—but not beyond.

This year's Graduating Class of the Primary Department is larger than usual. 37 girls and 16 boys—a total of 53, that is if they all complete the necessary work in time, as we hope they will.

Mrs. Dodge is a recent addition to the number of teachers downstairs. Welcome to her.

The librarian reports twice as many of our members as formerly are now taking out books. The Ladies' Missionary Society is also making use of the library in its study of missionary topics. All members of the school are cordially invited to become patrons of the library which has 1300 volumes. Any scholar is entitled to an application blank, to be signed by parent or guardian, which will entitle the holder to take out books.

Miss Van Fleet's Normal class has reached an enrollment of 18.

Rev. R. R. Kennan, assistant to the pastor, has been appointed superintendent of the Home Department of the Sunday School.

The secretary's quarterly report for first quarter shows an enrollment in the main school of 288, with an average attendance of 179. Enrollment in the Primary Department of 273, average attendance of 208. Thus it will be seen that the average of attendance in the Primary Department is much better than in the Intermediate Department.

The average attendance per Sunday for the entire school for the first quarter of 1906 was 432, against 393 for a corresponding period for 1905, showing a gain of 39 or 9 per cent.

The best records for consecutive attendance are held as follows:

Mrs. Wm Wigney, 86 Sundays.

Chas. Hall, 81 Sundays.

Mrs. S. B. Lingle, 72 Sundays.

The average collection in the Intermediate Department per Sunday, \$5.23.

Birthdays in the Intermediate Department per Sunday, \$2.44.

Average collections in the Primary Department per Sunday, \$1.98.

The average attendance for the first quarter of the Men's League class has been 29.5.

The Fisher Mission Band contributed for the first quarter \$13.04. This society voted to send \$40.00 to Rev. Fisher at Tokio, \$25.00 to the Chinese Mission and \$25.00 to the Baptist Orphanage. This leaves a balance of \$38.00 in the treasury.

Easter Sunday was observed by both departments. In the Intermediate Department an orchestra of eight pieces and a chorus of 24 helped mightily to make the services attractive. Thanks are due to Mrs. Bennett and Prof. Leland whose efforts made this possible. We wish the orchestra and chorus might be made permanent.

The collection on Easter Sunday was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage.

The time for making preparations for "Children's Day" is here. Miss Van Fleet is chairman of the committee which consists of Mrs. Clifford Williams, Miss Laidlaw, Mrs. Lumley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Hume, Miss Elizabeth Lingle. We are not sure, but rumor has it that this year Children's Day will be made attractive to the youngest members of the Cradle Roll (and their parents) and to the oldest grandparents of the Home Department as well as to all between those ages. Remember the day—June 10.

Picnic time, too, is approaching. Mr. Bentley Pitt is chairman of the Picnic Committee. What say you, members of the school, to having the picnic in September? Too late, is it?—or may-be you would like to have two picnics! Well, rose you tell them to Mr. Pitt. Mr. W. H. Solt, Miss Edith G. Gale, Mr. David C. Guest or Dr. Frank W. Gale. They are the committee.

Miss Mary A. Green now has charge of the Cradle Roll which is the "Junior Junior Primary" department of our school. By the way, just watch for this portion of the school on Children's Day.

Miss Carrie Rodgers, of the Primary Department, is to move further south so we shall miss her as a teacher.

Mrs. Cochrane, too, has left us to be gone until fall.

"Flower Day"—the day so dear to our beloved Bro. R. S. Parker—was observed April 29, and hereafter the last Sunday in April will be marked by the distribution of packages of flower seeds to the children. With these flowers and the joy they bring, will ever be associated the joy thoughts of the dear man who has made the day one of the happy features of our school.

We record, with sympathy, the death of Mrs. J. D. Stowell, mother of Miss Clara L. Stowell, teacher and worker in the Primary Department.

Supt. Whitmore has announced to the Primary Department, that a number of prizes—five in all—will be given to the five scholars who bring in the greatest number of new scholars during the year. Don't you want to invite your friends to come and share in the good fellowship of our "Sunday Home?" Let us see how cordial a welcome we can give to those who would like to come but haven't been asked. Perhaps they have often wondered why you, who meet them at school and on week days, never ask them to come to your Sunday School. Try it and see. Get after some of those who used to come but haven't been for a long time.

We are glad to welcome amongst us again Henry Knudson who has been absent for some time.

The Primary Department has a chorus choir of about a dozen voices. They are a source of delight on "special occasions."

Mr. Runyon of Chicago University has taken Mr. Merrifield's place as leader in Doc. Pienkowsky's class—"The Lorimer Baraca."

The teachers of the Intermediate Department at a recent meeting decided that it would not be advisable to abandon the individual class formation and have the lesson taught to the whole school by a leader from the platform. That means, we take it, that every teacher who expects to be away during the summer, will provide a substitute. There is one class, whose teacher was away for several months, which did not have a single member "droo out" because the teacher was away, and the reason was—what? Why, that teacher wrote to some one member of the class each week—an interesting letter which was read to the whole class on Sunday morning—then there were other classes—yes several of them from which most of the scholars did droo out. Wonder if they would have done so if their teacher had kept them in mind and sent them a helpful thought just once a week?

The Intermediate teachers and officers voted to invite the Primary and Junior Primary Departments to meet up stairs the coming summer—thus making one full, interesting school without the many vacant seats that so discouraged those who did come last year during the "vacation" months. The room upstairs is well suited for this purpose—in fact that is the purpose for which it was designed. With interesting general opening and closing exercises—and each department separated for its own study of the

Lesson it would seem that we ought to have just the brightest and best time all together of the whole year. Will you join in making it so?

Best consecutive attendance record—Dea. William Wigney, 116 Sundays.

Miss Hazel Morrison, of the Teachers' Training Class, has returned to her home in Boston, expecting to return this coming summer or fall.

The reception and social, to be given to the parents of our Sunday School teachers by the teachers and officers, will be on May 24th in the church parlors and lecture room. Miss Van Fleet and committee, Mrs. Lumley, Miss Mary Young, Miss Elizabeth Pickett and Mr. Robert Leland, are planning to make this a memorable occasion, for it has been a long, long time since the parents of the scholars have had such an opportunity of becoming acquainted.

Miss Annia McCunnahan of Mrs. Wigney's class leaves Chicago to visit in Ohio until fall.

Miss Fannie Googins has had full charge of the Junior Primary Department (Infant class) during the absence of Mrs. Thomas. Our school is fortunate in having those who can and do step to the front when needed.

Mrs. J. S. McCullough, for so long a faithful teacher in the Intermediate Department of our Sunday School, has found it necessary to give up her class. We hope she may be able to come back to us in the fall. Her class will become a part of the Teacher Training class.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is evident that there are many parents and "shut-ins" who find it impossible to be present at the regular Sunday School. They should not be deprived of the privilege of systematic study of the Sunday School lessons as outlined by the International Committee. The Home Department furnishes them with the opportunity of this study and at the same time binds them to the regular Sunday School. They are a part of that vast host of Sunday School scholars who weekly turn to the same lesson of Scripture.

WANTED—200 NEW MEMBERS!

In order to meet the needs of our community and give this opportunity to those who should be glad to improve it, we are starting a canvass of the community for members for this department. If you are not in the Sunday School proper, nor in this department, why not join? One-half hour a week, in study of the Bible, is surely not more than you can spare for it. If you know of any one who might be induced to join, kindly let the undersigned have the name and address.

WANTED—VISITORS!

We have some new visitors who have kindly consented to take up the canvass for new members, but there is need of more, that none may be unduly burdened. Are there not some who have been longing for opportunity to do work for the Master? Will you not volunteer?

A WORD TO MEMBERS.

The reports for the first quarter are not all in yet and the lack of these will make incomplete the returns of our department to the Sunday school, unless they are sent in soon. Kindly

mail your envelope to the undersigned at once, if you have not already done so.

There have been several new names added to the roll of members within the last month and we hope to show a good increase by the end of the quarter. We need your hearty co-operation for the success of the work.

It is thought best, this quarter, to have our "Recognition Day" in the Sunday School, in connection with Children's Day services, which will be held Sunday morning, June 10. We want as many as possible of the Home Department members to be present at the church that morning, and an opportunity will be made for mutual acquaintance, as well as for a recognition of the department by the school. Come if you possibly can!

Yours for a better knowledge of the Word.
R. R. KENNAN, Sup't.

MEN'S LEAGUE.

FRANK W. GALE, DEPT. ED.

On April 17th, (Tuesday) in the evening, the Men's League held its regular monthly social meeting. A fair attendance was had and the program proved a very interesting one.

Mr. Farr, assistant county superintendent of schools gave a talk on "Corn and Character," illustrating his lecture by stereopticon pictures and charts. His lecture was exceedingly interesting. There was also two violin solos by a little boy which were beautifully rendered. Then our assistant pastor, Mr. Kennan, and Mrs. Kennan, sang two duets which were finely rendered and much appreciated by all.

The committees are all doing splendid work and the work accomplished is showing up in good shape.

Mr. Vallett's committee is doing splendid work and consists in assisting men who come into our church to get positions, a boarding place, and to introduce these men to other members of league.

The Welcome committee is doing very efficient work at the church services in getting acquainted with and welcoming strangers and it is very encouraging to note the good feeling which has sprung up in the church by reason of it.

Notice of next social evening of League will appear on back of church programs.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

MRS. S. B. LINGLE.

The meeting on April 13th had a good attendance. Some long shut in were again with us. The program upon Japan was full of interest. Mrs. Ray gave fragments of facts, by Burton Holmes. Pointed paragraphs bringing out the striking features of Japanese geography, history and life. Mrs. McCullough told of the work of the Y. M. C. A. and the W. C. T. U. which have been so commended during the late war, by the highest authority in Japan.

The account of Duncan Academy was given by Mrs. Marshall. We were not all prepared to hear that Tokio has the largest student population of any city in the world. The need of Christian work at such a center is evident.

Miss Green read an article upon the moral civilization of Japan, and a letter from Miss Stella Fisher was a charming finish to our study, giving the side lights that only a girl's experience could throw upon the picture.

The meeting on June eighth will be the last before the summer vacation. Our president will be with us, and the graduating class at the Training School will be our guests. A social will follow the program and we hope for a large attendance.

THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

LEILA M. AHRENS, DEPT. EDITOR.

Before April first enough money was paid to the two Missionary Societies, home and foreign, to make our total subscription for the year fifty dollars, twenty-five to each.

For some time the girls have talked of changing the character of the meetings, and instead of spending so much time sewing it was decided to have a program.

April 19th the society met at the home of Miss Florence Huskey. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Miss Dorcas Whitaker, a missionary from India.

When the society was started, and for quite a number of years following, a program was prepared for each meeting. In the last few years other kinds of meetings have been tried and the regular missionary program seems to be the best and so the remaining time this year will be spent in this way.

Next year the girls expect to take up a regular course of study of some part of the mission field.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MRS. W. MORAVA, DEPT. EDITOR.

Notwithstanding the pressing domestic duties at this season of the year, the regular meetings of the Ladies' Benevolent Society have been well attended. The vigorous cutting committee, believing that the real joys of life are found in active work; and being ready to start others on the road to true happiness, manage to find employment for all willing workers.

The recent meetings have been somewhat saddened by death's messenger, who within a few weeks has carried away four of our members. At the beautiful Easter time, Mrs. Isabelle Harvey reached the sunset of her life and passed through Glory's Gate to render perfect service to Him whom she served so faithfully while here. She was faithful. This is our tribute. Ever faithful to her profession, living a sweet trustful Christian life. Her reward has come in the welcoming words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Afternoon Tea.

The tea given by the cutting committee, was one of the pleasantest events of the season. The name and reputation of this committee, added to their charming personality as individuals was sufficient to arouse unusual interest and make the church parlors the scene of great enthusiasm. The songs of long ago, rendered by Mrs. Hine were greatly enjoyed. Bountiful

refreshments daintily served added to the sociability and helped to make the entertainment a perfect success.

LORIMER BARACA.

The Lorimer Class has joined the ranks of the Baraca Society for young men. The name of the class is now the Lorimer Baraca. Under the able leadership of Mr. Pienkowsky the young men are taking a lively interest in building up the class. The attendance increases every Sunday. The Baraca organization has been the source of new enthusiasm, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Runyan who is assisting Mr. Pienkowsky.

All young men over seventeen years of age are invited to attend the class meeting, at 9:30 Sunday morning.

The committee on athletics will co-operate with the Men's League in arranging the outdoor sports for the summer.

A social is being planned for the last Thursday in May, the details will be announced in the calendar.

If you know of any young man who should be associated with this class in Bible study, give the name to Mr. Runyan, who will see that an effort is made to reach him.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

ADDITIONS.

By Baptism—

Adrian K. Webster, 2936 Lake Park Ave.
Mrs. Elizabeth Combs, 3212 So. Park Ave.
Cornelia I. Buehlow, 2831 Archer Ave.
Sylvia B. Buelow, 2831 Archer Ave.
Mrs. A. H. Claflin, 23 Aldine Square.
Miss Minnie C. Wolff, 918 35th St.
Ruth M. Gaghaglin, 3103 Prairie Ave.
Willoughby W. Adams, 2808 So. Park Ave.
Miss Lottie L. Jones, 3209 Indiana Ave.
Moy Sing, Morgan Park, Ill.
Moy On, 819 W. Division St.
Yong On, 169 31st St.

By Letter—

Rev. Ralph R. Kennan, 2978 So. Park Ave.
Mrs. R. R. Kennan, 2978 So. Park Ave.
Miss Ruth Barber, 231 E. 43rd St.

DIMINUTIONS.

By Letter—

Mark King.

By Death—

Miss Isabelle Harvey.
Deacon Wm. Garnett.

REPORT OF CHURCH AND S. S. VISITOR APRIL, 1906.

Calls made Sunday School	48	100
Calls made, general	52	
Letters written		
Postals written		
Services attended		
Committee meetings attended		
Teachers' meetings		
Bible Lessons given		
Garments given away		



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Remember Children's Day, June 10.

Pres. L. A. Garrison of Iowa visited with Dr. Ketman recently.

Mrs. Gillette has gone to North Carolina for a portion of the summer.

Miss Celia McCullough spent a week during April with her brother in St. Louis.

Mrs. Hoops and Miss Ethel Hoops have returned to Chicago from the scenes of the earthquake.

Mrs. Bilton suffered quite a painful accident on the 20th and was a shut-in for several days. She is again able to be out.

The funeral of Mrs. J. D. Stowell occurred on the 23rd of April. Our sympathies go out to the bereft husband and daughters.

Wanted.—All sorts of articles for the rummage sale to be held Thursday, May 17th, by the Ladies' Society of Raymond Chapel.

Miss Dorothy Cross, a member of the Guild Bible class has had quite a serious illness during the month, but is again able to take up her work.

We are glad to welcome to our congregation Dr. and Mrs. Kelly, members of Millard Avenue

Church. We hope soon to welcome them as members and workers.

Mrs. Lingle attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West in Denver. She reports excellent meetings.

On Sunday, May 6th, the pastor welcomed into church membership from our Sunday School: Adrian Webster, Sylvia Buehlow, Cornelia Buehlow, Ruth Gagahan.

Mrs. A. S. Hubbard of Columbus, Indiana, has been for some time at the home of her mother Mrs. Benware at 129 E. 30th St. During her visit here she has had a severe illness from which she is slowly recovering.

Mrs. McQuarrie, for so long a regular attendant of our church, was called to the heavenly home on Friday of last week. Her voice was heard in our after-meeting on Sunday evening before her death. We shall miss her face and her voice in our meetings. Her funeral was conducted by our pastor at her home, 2937 Cottage Grove Avenue.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The idea of observing an annual day in the church services which should be devoted to the children's worship is several centuries old. As long ago as 1680, the German Pietists established the famous institution at Halle, Germany, for the purpose of doing Christian work among the people and in addition to establishing orphanages and schools for the little ones they introduced the observance of anniversary services for the children.

The day has been observed with growing popularity ever since, until it is now almost universally observed in the Protestant churches of America. It is a day when the Sunday School worships with the church, when child-life, child needs and work for children receive recognition, when parents and children are together bound to the church by one more tie and when the children are trained to help in the worship of God's house and given the privilege of making their offering for other Sunday Schools and children, not so favored. The day should be one of true worship and united worship. Every member of the church, as well as every member of the Sunday School, should be present, the older ones filled with the thought of the responsibility of leading these little ones early to serve Him and the little ones inspired with reverence and love for God's house.

The special offering at the Children's Day service this year will be given to the Chinese Mission and it is expected that some of the Chinese little ones will be with us and add their part to the program. Other plans are under way which promise an interesting program. May this service be much in our thought and often in our prayers between now and the second Sunday in June, that the day may be helpful alike to young and old.

The Work at Raymond.

It was a great pleasure to see Mr. Freligh out again Sunday.

Mr. Wadie has been confined to his home by blood poisoning resulting from a pin scratch on the finger.

The new bulletin board is an ornament to the building. We are grateful to Mr. Bird and those who helped in the matter.

Next Sunday evening Miss Marx will sing as a solo a new song which became very popular in Canada recently.

Mrs. Branch has very kindly presented us with a goodly number of Bibles, which we greatly needed in our prayer meetings.

We are grateful for the musical help we have had recently from the home church. The solos of Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hine and Mr. Farmer were greatly appreciated, as well as Mr. Riebling's and Mr. Bennett's instrumental music.

The officers of the Reeder Class for the ensuing term are as follows:

President—Roy Wadie.

Vice-President—John Parker.

Secretary—Sidney Crosier.

Assistant Secretary—Phares Minnich.

Treasurer—Eddie Gilmore.

Librarian—Bert Olsen.

The young men are filled with new enthusiasm for the success of their organization. Last Sunday there were 15 boys present at the Bible class.

RAYMOND CHORUS CHOIR.

Marked improvement is being shown in the work of our chorus which is conducted by Mr. Embree. We must have a larger number of good voices in order to handle the anthems which are already under rehearsal.

We are grateful for the return of Miss Marx and Mr. Hall who were with us formerly.

Miss Mason hopes to be able to sing with us again soon. She has been greatly missed.

THE GIRL'S GUILD.

The members of the Guild were royally entertained at the home of Miss Lingle Monday evening, April 30th. A large number of girls were present and greatly enjoyed the evening with their leader.

Miss Leona Wadie has returned to the city after what seemed a long absence.

Miss Mabel Turck is spending several months with her sister Mrs. Embree and will be another member for the Guild.

THE MEN'S WORK.

Our class is still keeping up its good work for the Master, and we want you to make it known to all of your friends so that we may have a larger attendance; we must and we will get a greater membership. What we also need is a larger room because we are cramped up somewhat. We anticipate getting the room fin-

ished down stairs at an early date, then we shall be able to hold our open nights during the week as we are inconveniently situated for room at present. Do not forget to ask the men you know in this vicinity to come and join the men's class at Raymond.

E. J. Bird, Sec.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

The work committee of the Woman's Society is very anxious to secure orders for plain sewing, such as undershirts, children's clothes and aprons. Address Mrs. Wadie, 3256 Union Ave. The all-day meetings are held every other Thursday at the chapel.

The Rummage sale is to be held Thursday, May 17th. A very much larger supply of material is needed than we have promised at present. Names of those having goods to give can be handed to Mr. Embree, and the goods will be called for.

A NEW WORKER.

We are more than grateful for the coming of Deacon Raymond to take charge of the Bible class. It is very fitting that the son of the man for whom our chapel is named should be actively engaged in promoting its welfare. It will also be a privilege to have one of the deacons of the home church with us at the regular services. All the members of the class we are sure will help the new teacher as they did the old. Let us bring our friends and keep the platform filled with those who desire to study God's Word.

A GREAT LOSS.

The work at Raymond Chapel has been blessed with a number of loyal servants of the Master and when one of them finds it necessary to make a change we feel as though a member of our family had gone. It is safe to say that no one has done more for Raymond than Mr. Coyle. By his stalwart faith he has been a great example to us all! His teaching in the Bible class has been the means of building up many, many Christian lives; his words in the prayer meeting were always weighted with worth and his presence in the evening service was an inspiration.

As he goes to serve the Master in another church our prayers go with him and his family that they may continually be used for the glory of God.

REEDER CLASS.

We can report good attendance during the last month. While we have a number of members who are irregular in attendance, there are several who are especially faithful. We hope that more names will be found among the ladies this next month.

Among those who were with us after a prolonged absence were John Manfroi, George Tichy and Frank Kuhn.

Our boys were glad of the opportunity of being of service to their classmates. William Tichy, in his time of suffering. Perhaps it would not be amiss to mention those who gave such

practical demonstration of their Christianity. The following boys, besides August Orth, of the Miller class, submitted to the surgeon's knife: Fred Hackendahl, John Parker, Roy Wadie, Calvin Rader, Phares Minnich and George Tichy.

The new bulletin board for which we have been planning is now in place. We wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Bird, who made the board and furnished the material, and to the Miller class which co-operated with us in the painting of it.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The meetings have been very well attended of late; sure signs of a thorough interest. Let us be loyal and true to our pledge and also take part in the meeting after we get there. It is worth while.

Have you invited any strangers to come to our meetings? You are the means of bringing new members into the society and in that way to the Lord Jesus Christ. Think this over and see if you cannot find some one to invite to the meeting Sunday evenings. There is always some one waiting for an invitation. Try it.

We were pleased to have with us recently Brother Halsey, of the home church, who gave several testimonials for Christ in his very characteristic way. We hope that he will see fit to visit us again.

The pastor is gaining new members for Christ from our ranks. Let us be thankful to God for those who have decided for Him at this time.

Under the able leadership of our pastor the choir, composed mostly of C. E. members, is gradually getting into trim to do valiant service for the Master by the use of their voices.

We shall miss Mr. Coyle from our meetings very much. He was a source of inspiration to us all.

Mr. Allen has returned from his visit to England. We are glad to have him with us again.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Moving day has come and gone. Many of our people find themselves in new surroundings and it becomes necessary to write a new address after their names. The following corrected addresses have been reported since the publica-

tion of our last Church Directory. Undoubtedly there are other changes to be made in our directory and the church visitor will be grateful if new addresses may be given soon.

Allen, Mrs. W. H., 4740 Langley Ave.
Austermell, Louis T., 3012 Vernon Ave.
Austermell, Mrs. L. T., 3012 Vernon Ave.
Bergamin, Anna, 3106 Wentworth Ave.
Bucklin, Mrs. S. D., 3200 Prairie Ave.
Coones, Miss Margaret, 4151 Berkeley Ave.
Coulson, Miss Martha, 3114 Cottage Grove Ave.

Hegan, Mrs. T. L., Austin, Ill.
Hosman, Miss O. E., 3125 S. Park Ave.
Ketman, Mrs. T. L. (omitted) 8 Bryant Ave.
Loomis, Miss Letitia A., 528 E. 62nd St.
Marsh, Mrs. F. O.

Paeton, Mrs. Frank, Austin, Ill.
Reickhoff, Adolph H., 3838 Rhodes.
Ross, Mrs. D. W., Chicago Beach Hotel.
Rundquist, Miss Vanja, Bedford, Ill.
Weinland, Miss Ida, 3200 Prairie Ave.
Weinland, Miss Kathryn, 3200 Prairie Ave.
Wolgast, Mrs. F. C., 300 E. 31st St.

(Misspelled Nolgast in Directory.)

Abram, Noah J., 5512 Center St.
Alton, Mrs. Howard, 4250 St. Lawrence Ave.
Alton, Howard, 4250 St. Lawrence Ave.
Augustine, Otto, Peoria, Ill.
Bishop, Mrs. H. P., 828 Kenilworth Ave.
Bourne, Mrs. Chas., 4742 Indiana Ave.
Branch, Mrs. Horace, 1015 Greenwood Blvd., Evanston, Ill.

Cromb, Miss Beatrice and Wm. C., 3225 Halsted St.

Douglas, Miss Laura, 1496 E. 35th St.
Drueck, Mrs. C. J., 599 East 46th St.
Freleigh, Mr. C. F., 6754 Loomis St.
Freleigh, Mrs. C. F., 6754 Loomis St.
Hansen, Miss Marie, 4945 Ellis Ave.
Hartman, Mrs. M. D., 3105 Wabash Ave.
Holmes Vera V., 7515 Eggleston Ave.
Marsh, Mrs. F. R., 45 E. 59th St.
Messner, J. R., 3335 Armour Ave.
Stone, Charles H., 286 E. 38th St.
Thompson Miss Marie, 4255 Vincennes Ave.

Turck, Miss Mabel Irene, 3145 So. Park Ave.
Webster, Miss Helen R., 2926 Lake Park Ave.
Webster, William, 2926 Lake Park Ave.
Young, Miss M. E., 3410 Calumet Ave.



A Visit to Our Missionaries in Japan.

BY MRS. I. S. GILLETTE.

You can hardly imagine the joy I felt on the first day of my arrival at far away Japan in seeing the pleasant face of Mr. Fisher, who called bringing letters of welcome from Mrs. Fisher and Miss Duffield, and later a call from Miss Buzzell of Sendai whom I had had the pleasure of entertaining in my home before she left for Japan. She brought a message from the school girls of the Ella O. Patrick Home. A cordial invitation to visit the school, as no member of

the Board had ever been there. I answered nothing would give me more pleasure and I would do so if possible and from that time planned to go, feeling it would be a great pleasure to see what Miss Buzzell had accomplished in the Home. Arranged with Katzu, the guide, to go with me to Tokio and to start from there early the next morning. He was to call me at 5 o'clock.

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CHICAGO BAPTIST NEWS

CITY MISSION NOTES.

R. E. MANNING.

Logan Square Norwegian.—Brother Finwall writes, God is just now pleased to bless us spiritually as never before. About 40 persons have recently sought forgiveness for sins, and now manifest the christian spirit in their lives. Prayer meetings are well attended and full of power. We have had baptisms frequently of late, and on the 15th, there were nine candidates. On that day the attendance at the Sunday School was the largest in the history of our church, and there were 80 at the B. Y. P. U. meeting. At the close of this service there were 7 persons requested Christians to pray for them, and 3 of them gave evidence of regeneration. At the evening service the house was crowded, and 2 more gave evidence that they had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

Center Avenue Norwegian Mission.—Brother Finwall also sends the following concerning this mission: Saturday evening, April 14, I preached for the first time in our new mission hall at No. 77 N. Center Ave. to a good sized audience. We expect to open a reading room for the thousand young men who live within three blocks of the mission hall. Miss Nelson opened a Sunday school on the 15th with an attendance of 37, and I am confident we will have 100 within a few weeks. Services are held every Sunday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday school at 2 p. m. on Sunday.

Finnish Mission.—Brother Jappinen sends the following letter, which I give in full, just as he wrote it. If any of you think you can do better in Finnish than he has in English just try it by writing him a letter: I have just come home from North Michigan. I was to help Brother Laurikainen in Hancock and have a wonderful time. Many been Salvation. I was in Duluth and preach in jail to many finnish young man dere. One of this man pray to God if Salvation. I was in Duluth, Superior, Hancock, Calumet, Dollar Bay, Houghton, Baraga, Ishpening, Negaunee, and Gladstone. There funny many of our people as have no church, no preacher, and cannot get heare the gospel.

Gross Park German Mission.—Brother Wernick writes as follows: In reply to your request I will state that in all likelihood I will have some good news to write to you soon. We expect to have baptism. We have a steady increase of our members in Sunday School and a special interest is being manifested. The following is a list of our church services: Sunday morning and evening preaching services, a Young People's prayer meeting preceding the evening ser-

vice. Wednesday afternoon we have a sewing school, the pupils also receive Bible instruction, and in the evening we hold our weekly prayer meeting. Friday evenings we have a class in Bible study. Our Young People's Tract Society meets in the afternoon of every 4th Sunday for devotion and distribution of religious literature. In the evening of that Sunday we have a song service, in which our choir renders special songs for the occasion.

Garfield Park.—On Monday evening, the 16th, a farewell reception was tendered Brother and Sister Clapp. For nearly six years Brother Clapp has been pastor of this church, during which time he has performed faithful service, and has had the pleasure of seeing his labors bring forth much fruit. He leaves the church in excellent condition for his successor. He has gained a strong hold on the people of the church and community, which was evidenced by the goodly number present on this occasion. The people expressed their appreciation of him, and he of them. To one who listened to these expressions it seemed strange that the relation should be terminated. Although Brother and Sister Clapp were the guests of honor, they were requested to sing once more for the people who had listened to them with so much pleasure many times in the past. They chose one of the gospel songs, which they rendered in such a manner as to not only charm with their music, but to make a strong impression concerning the truth expressed in the words. While Brother Clapp did not have the pleasure of seeing the new building erected during his pastorate, all are willing to grant him the honor of having been instrumental in its being done. It is announced that the corner-stone of the new building will be laid on the afternoon of the 28th, and the contractor announces that it will be ready for occupancy on the first Sunday in June. It is expected that the new pastor, Rev. W. J. Sly, will be on the field at that time. He leaves the pastorate of the large and influential church at Springfield, Ohio, to take up this work. He will find that his predecessor has left it in good condition.

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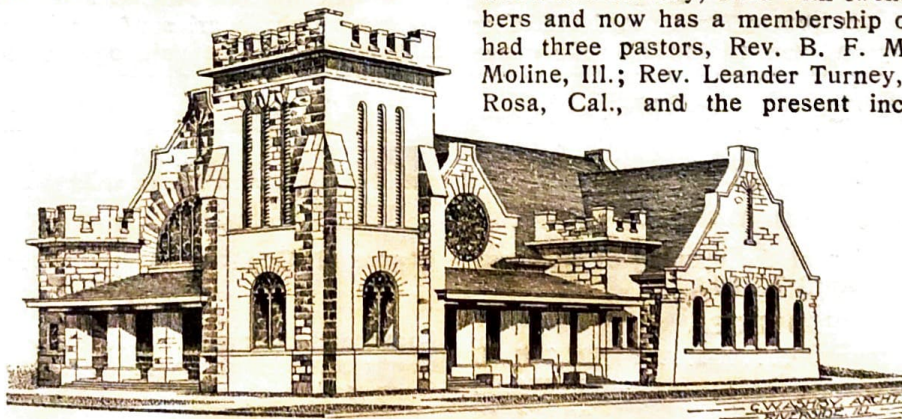
THE NEW BUILDING OF THE BERWYN BAPTIST CHURCH.

The new house of worship of the Berwyn Baptist Church, is nearing completion and will be ready for dedication about June 1st. The structure is built on Gothic-Mission lines, low and massive. A bluish-white lime stone is used



Rev. Will S. Abernethy, Pastor.

in its construction with Bedford cut stone trimmings. This material is used even on the alley side of the building, contrary to the usual custom of finishing the rear with common brick. The corner tower is twenty feet square and rises to a height of nearly fifty feet. Entrance is gained through the two porches into this tower



The New Building of the Berwyn Baptist Church

and thence into the auditorium. The edifice covers a ground area of 117 x 79 feet. Ground was broken on the 8th day of June, 1905, and it will have taken almost exactly a year for its building. Mr. G. W. Ashby of Chicago and Berwyn is the architect.

The interior arrangement is very similar on the whole to that of the new building of the Wheaton church dedicated last year. A plat-

form, forty-five feet in length extends across the entire east side of the main auditorium. At one end will be the new Kimball organ now nearing completion. The keyboard will be detached from the instrument and on a level with the pews, enabling the organist to be in full view of the minister and the choir, and at the same time somewhat concealed from public view. At the other end of the platform is the beautiful open baptistry, built of solid masonry with white tile lining and white marble steps. A coping of tile extends seven inches above the platform level.

The auditorium is seated with massive end, circular, oak pews on an inclined floor, affording a seating capacity of 325. The Sunday School room at the left of the platform is connected with the auditorium by a lifting partition, twenty-eight feet in length. This room has a seating capacity of 400. The entire building is heated with steam and lighted with gas and electricity. At one end of the Sunday School room and on a four foot higher level is the Primary room and ladies' parlor. This room also opens into the main Sunday School room by means of a lifting door, thus converting it into a spacious platform for use in entertainments and lectures. Under this room are a well appointed kitchen and the steam heating plant. The architect has provided a most artistic and cosy pastor's study immediately back of the pulpit. In addition are three robing and toilet rooms, and a check room. The two vestibules have mosaic floors with heavy oak, plate glass panel doors.

The building will cost, complete, including the \$2,500.00 organ and all the furnishings, a trifle under \$25,000.00. The church was organized in February, 1893 with twenty-seven members and now has a membership of 200. It has had three pastors, Rev. B. F. Martin, now of Moline, Ill.; Rev. Leander Turney, now of Santa Rosa, Cal., and the present incumbent. The

first two served three years each and the present pastor will have completed seven years on June 1st. With a live, active membership, a thriving Sunday School, presided over by an efficient superintendent, Mr. R. A. Simonson, and a vigorous Young People's Society, the prospects for further growth seem bright. Twelve candidates for baptism will receive the ordinance on opening Sunday.



GARFIELD HALL.



THE MISSION HOUSE.

WASHINGTON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH.

With this issue of the Record the Washington Park Baptist Church is nine months old. It had its birth on Wednesday evening, September 6th, 1905, with 110 charter members. Since that date 39 more have been added of which 17 came by baptism. Fourteen have been dismissed, so that the present membership is 135.

JOHN M. LINDEN,
PASTOR.

The work for the region was begun in the Mission House, 5530 Prairie Ave., on March 5th, 1905, as a branch of the Forty-Eighth Street Church. (now disbanded), with an afternoon Sunday School and a Thursday evening prayer meeting. The Mission house was rented for a year by the City Mission Society and was equipped by the above

church for services. The house is still the headquarters of the Baptist work for the region and in it is held the mid-week prayer meeting, all the woman's social meetings, a private kindergarten meets here every day except Saturday, and the pastor lives on the second floor. This house is splendidly situated and lies in the pathway of the "L" road, thus offering a splendid means for advertising our cause to the many passers-by.

All of the Sunday services are held in Garfield Hall on the northwest corner of Garfield or Fifty-Fifth street Boulevard and State street. The Sunday School meets at 9:30, morning worship at 11:00, B. Y. P. U. at 6:45, and evening worship at 7:45 p. m. This is a new hall and was just completed when the new church entered the field. It is well adapted for church work, seating about 300, and is not rented for public dances. Some twenty lodges meet in this building during the week days of the month. The hall is on the third floor and is well carpeted and equipped, well lighted and ventilated, and is as pleasant a place to meet in as any of the church buildings of the neighborhood.

The new site for the church is the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and 56th street, and has a frontage of 73.8 feet and a depth of 161 feet, and is valued today at \$15,000.00. It was purchased for the new church by the City Mission Society. The equity in the Forty-Eighth Street Baptist church property when sold will be turned into the new lot and whatever amount of the purchase price of the lot is not met by this equity will be paid by the society and the

On the West Side.

Prairie State Bank

Washington Blvd. & Desplaines St.

Report of Condition at the opening of Business
April 7, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$4,421,276.26
Bonds and premiums.....	796,471.93
Real estate	20,371.15
Cash and exchange.....	1,095,157.27
Total.....	\$6,333,276.61

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$ 250,000.00
Profits	80,796.22
Deposits	6,002,480.39
Total.....	\$6,333,276.61

Down Town Office

Prairie National Bank

159 La Salle St. near Monroe.

Report of Condition at the close of Business
April 6, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 635,703.38
Bonds and premiums.....	293,000.00
Cash and exchange.....	406,522.29
Redemption fund	12,500.00
Furniture and safes.....	8,167.68
Total.....	\$1,355,893.35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$ 250,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Profits	11,835.58
Circulation	248,500.00
Deposits	795,557.77
Total.....	\$1,355,893.35

lot will be presented to the new church as a gift from the society's hands.

Some \$60,000.00 are needed to improve this corner and to give to the region a well-equipped church building. Here is a sad fact which confronts this rapidly settled community, viz: the Protestant meeting places, churches, chapels and halls can seat and accommodate less than 2,000 of the 60,000 who have moved into this region in the last ten years. New flats are going up everywhere and are filled just as fast as they are completed. The people are moving into this region every week by the score and in the whole region there is not ONE well-equipped Protestant church. This fact is true, the denomination which can give to this needy field a well-equipped church home will do a rushing business. How this money is to be raised is a serious problem, since the whole community is full of flat dwellers who do not own their homes. In this needy region is to have a building, the money must come largely from outside persons. A very strong building committee has been appointed to cope with the problem, of which Mr. H. W. Shurtz, 1008 E. 59th street, is the chairman.

John M. Linden is the organizer and pastor of the church. He is a graduate of Brown University and of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He began an active canvas for Baptists on October 6, 1904, and this canvas resulted in influencing the City Mission Society in renting the Mission House the following March and placing the work in charge of the Forty-Eighth Street Church to which Mr. Linden had been called as pastor.

The following definite results achieved by this infant church will show the demand for our work in this region: Nine months of work as an organized church gives us a total membership of 135; a Sunday School enrollment, including the Home Department, of 200; present average attendance 115, highest attendance up to date 126; a B. Y. P. U. of 40; a strong Woman's and Girl's Auxiliary; well attended public services; a new lot valued at \$15,000.00; a strong building committee of nine men; baptisms at stated intervals; ten were baptized Easter day; an organization splendidly officered in every department and fast nearing a self-supporting basis. WILLIAM P. BEAR, Clerk.
1154 E. 56th St.

OUR HOSPITAL NURSES.

Thirteen *Chicago Baptist Hospital* Nurses volunteered to aid the sufferers in San Francisco, and are now at the Golden Gate relieving the distress and misery in that afflicted city, stricken with earthquakes, flames and famine. Amid the crash of buildings and fury of fires, and sweep of storms, people fled to parks and

hills for safety, camping under the open sky, panic-stricken amid those scenes of wildest fury.

Heroically our nurses offered their services; and with brave hearts they are doing their work, under the *Red Cross Society*, which directs affairs.

Caring for the sick and suffering is a noble calling, whether amid the ruins of a devastated city with its 200,000 homeless and penniless people, or in the broken ranks of battling soldiers, or in the long hospital wards, or in the quiet chamber of the home, where loved ones watch and wait. Nursing calls forth the noblest impulses of the human heart.

TEN NURSES WANTED.

As several nurses are now completing their studies in the Training School of *Chicago Baptist Hospital*, ten nurses are now wanted to fill the vacant places. The course is two years. The school furnishes a home, free tuition, use of text books and uniforms. Pupil nurses must be 21 years of age, of good health and have a fair education. They must furnish evidences of good character. The Hospital is well located in a pleasant part of the city, near the lake and lines of transit. Religious faith is not a test of admission as a nurse.

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Now, fifteen such children have been placed in Christian homes in the past few months; and about 40 hungry little ones gather at the tables every day for bread, like robins in the nest.

Every one that gives a dime or a dollar to the Orphanage has a hand in this great work, and is feeding and clothing these homeless children. Every day the supplies are needed; every day they need your prayers and gifts. Do not forget them. Jesus loves them.

THE PROPERTY FUND.

The *Property Fund*, started in January to pay off the \$6,000 mortgage, is growing, and the love and prayers and consecration of all lovers of homeless children will secure the freedom from debt of this splendid property, so well suited to the work. Gifts of any sum at any time, designated for *Property Fund*, are set aside for this purpose. This \$6,000 mortgage is part of the purchase price and its payment would free the

Home from all debt and permit larger charity work in child saving.

MEMORIAL COTTAGES.

The *Brabrook Lots*, one block from the Orphanage in Maywood, have been given for charity work; and the plan is to have people give funds to erect cottages—as memorials of their loved dead, and bearing their names—and these cottages can be used as homes for aged people, or as income for the Orphanage to enlarge its child saving work. Is not such a cottage the best monument to build—an abiding blessing?

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SWEDISH BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

The last business transaction of Mrs. Geo. C. Walker before her death was to convey for \$4,500 a fine tract of three acres of land, adjoining the Morgan Park Academy grounds, to the Swedish Baptists, on which to build a home for their dependant old people. A \$12,000 building will soon be erected, and the home will be transferred from Ravenswood, where ten aged people are now being cared for. The matron is Mrs. Chas. Palm, whose husband is a State Sunday School missionary. Rev. C. J. Aimquist is the solicitor for the home, and now resides at 11320 Fairfield Ave., Morgan Park, where he will be glad to receive offerings that may be given for this good work.

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MORGAN PARK ACADEMY NOTES.

The students at the Academy recently took up a collection at morning chapel amounting to about \$75.00 to be sent to



Rev. Lee Tsi Leong, pastor of the First Baptist Chinese Church at San Francisco. Mr. Leong formerly did pastoral work among the Chinese in Chicago and while there sent his son, John Lee, to the Academy. He remained here five years, completing a full course for the University of Chicago, where he is now.

While a student at the Academy he was very popular, taking an active interest in the varied life of the students. It is understood that his family barely escaped with their lives.

The Young Men's Christian Association has recently elected its officers for the next year as follows: President, Millington F. Carpenter, Monticello, Iowa; Vice President, Ulysses B. Squier, Trempealeau, Wis.; Secretary, George W. Ferrell, Montvale, Va.; Treasurer, W. Randolph Burgess, Morgan Park. At a recent meeting plans were started to raise money to send delegates to the Students' Assembly at Lake Geneva, Wis. The school has sent several delegates each year and hopes this year to send a larger number than usual.

A liberal appropriation has been made to re-furnish Blake Hall, the recitation and administration building. The recitation rooms have already been provided with new chairs and furniture throughout and the walls of the chapel and corridors have been painted and decorated. Further decorations and changes will be made before the opening of the school year in September.

The "open house" entertainments given by the different halls form a prominent part of the spring social life. Morgan Hall "open house" was held on April 21st and was a great success. The minstrel show will be held on May 12. It is looked forward to with much interest by the school and community.

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THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The following officers for the ensuing six months were recently elected: President, Dr. W. H. Geistweit; Vice President, Dr. C. F. Tolman; Secretary, Rev. F. W. Swift; Treasurer, Rev. F. L. Anderson; Committee on Program—Revs.

Straton, Greene and Wood; on Program—Revs. Morris, Finwall and Goodman.

The conference had some strenuous sessions in discussing "that Foster incident," but the spirit of brotherhood still prevails. On April 16th, Dr. Orthodox Galusha Anderson gave an incisive and rather caustic review of Dr. Clarke's new book, "The Use of the Scriptures in Theology," holding that it is entirely untrustworthy in its premises, method and conclusions. On the following Monday, Prof. H. M. Scott, of the Congregational Theological Seminary, read an able paper in which he answered in the negative the question, "Has Scientific Investigation Disturbed the Basis of Rational Faith?" On April 30th, Dr. Denman emphasized the value of the religion of experience somewhat in contrast with the religion of authority and revelation.

The Conference has a membership of about 125, meets every Monday at 10:30, at 10 E. Van Buren St., and anyone, who may desire, is privileged to be present.

CHICAGO MINISTERIAL CLUBS.

In addition to the weekly meeting of the Ministers' Conference, there are two flourishing clubs which hold monthly meetings, the Theophilus and the Discomet. The "T" club, as it is called, was organized on March 15th, 1897, has a limited membership and holds its sessions

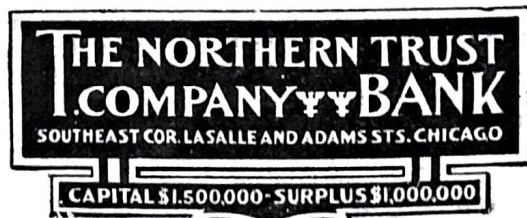


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in a private parlor at the Palmer House. After dinner each member reports the books he has read during the month, and a carefully prepared paper is then read which is keenly criticised by each member in the discussion that follows. The Discomet is an open club, meeting at the Victoria Hotel, organized about two years ago, and gives its attention to the discussion of methods of church work. There are no "blue Mondays" among Chicago pastors.

NEWS OF THE CHICAGO CHURCHES.

First Church—The special services conducted by the three Welsh evangelists were largely attended and of great spiritual power. The work is admirably organized under the direction of Dr. de Blois and steady progress is being made. Rev. Mr. Embree is pastor at Raymond Chapel, and Rev. R. R. Cannon was called recently to be pastor's assistant at the home church.

Tabernacle—Dr. W. H. Geistweil closed his work here on April 29th. It was a great day. At the morning service he gave the right hand of fellowship to more than thirty new members, most of whom have been recently baptized. At the evening service he preached the same sermon by request which he had given as his introductory sermon over seven years ago. The church has had a remarkable growth under his ministry, and was never stronger than today. For the present he will give his full time to the editorial work of *Service* and the interests of the B. Y. P. U.

Covenant—Dr. Geo. E. Burlingame has closed his work and will soon depart for San Francisco to revive the shattered spirits of the First Church there, whose building has been destroyed and membership scattered. He has done a noble work in Chicago, and is admirably fitted to be the leader in building up the work there. Through the kindness of Chicago friends he will be provided at once with a great tent to be used for church and evangelistic purposes.

Immanuel—The work flourishes as usual. Fifty-seven were baptized on Easter and eight more on the Sunday following. Dr. Myers is not only making his evangelistic power felt through his seven branch churches, but he has also been a leader of recognized power in advancing the work of political reform in the city.

Garfield Park—Rev. W. L. Clapp has accepted the pastorate of the church at Appleton, Wis., and has begun his work there. His successor is Rev. W. J. Sly. The corner-stone of the new building was laid on April 28th.

Memorial—Dr. E. P. Tuller has resigned to accept the call of the Brighton Ave. Church, Boston, beginning his work there on June 1st. He has not tarried long in Chicago, but his genial personality has won for him a host of friends here.

Morgan Park—Dr. A. R. E. Wyant closed a

ministry of ten years and seven months here on April 29th. During this time, 596 new members have been received, 330 of these by letter, and 266 by baptism, experience and restoration. The record of work done by the church indicates that these recruits might be weighed as well as counted. During the eight months of the present associational year, 59 members have been received, 21 of these by baptism. At the recent Cook Co. S. S. Association, this school took both the Certificate of Honor for excellence of work and the Normal Class award. Rev. W. E. Chalmers, of Waukesha, Wis., begins his work here on May 6th, under most favorable auspices.

Ogden Park—This church, formerly known as the Englewood-on-the-Hill Church, recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, and on the same day, Rev. Clark S. Thomas, of Washington, D. C., began his pastorate there.

Hammond—Rev. W. H. Jones has declined the call of the Woodruff Place Church, of Indianapolis, and plans are being made for advancement along several lines. Several institutional features are being added to the regular evangelistic work of the church.

Washington Park—Ten were baptized on Easter by Pastor Linden. A building committee has been appointed. Dr. Wyant recently lectured in Garfield Hall, where the regular services are being held, before a large and interested audience.

Chicago Heights—Pastor Parsons has been holding a number of shop meetings which are being enthusiastically supported by both em-

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ployes and employers. Nine have been recently baptized. A Men's League has been organized, and several institutional features have been introduced to meet the needs of this growing manufacturing center.

Pilgrim Temple—Dr. Thoms has welcomed 40 new members since September 1st. Four were baptized on Easter. Two aggressive Sunday Schools are supported by this church, and other departments are equally active.

Millard Ave.—Dr. Powell conducted a series of meetings in observance of Passion Week in which his young people had charge of the introductory service. He is the Chicago correspondent of "*The Journal and Messenger*" and keeps our Ohio brethren well posted as to the progress of both orthodoxy and heterodoxy here.

Fourth Church—Dr. Bryce is throwing the force of his tremendous vitality into the work not only at his own church, but is also in constant demand for addresses elsewhere.

Second Church—Dr. Straton has won a place for himself among "the defenders of the faith," and his gospel is winning victories for Christ. Upwards of forty have been baptized since January 1st.

Belden Ave.—Dr. W. W. Dawley, of Syracuse, N.Y., formerly of Minneapolis, has been called as pastor, and will be an able leader for this important church. Rev. Mr. Beckwith, the assistant pastor, has been doing excellent work during the interim.

Normal Park—A revival meeting of great interest has recently been conducted by Harp Evangelist Thompson. The services continued a week before an invitation was given, and then 35 at once publicly confessed Christ. Pastor Anderson will have a rich ingathering.

Centennial—Pastor Moore began special meetings on April 10th, assisted by Rev. A. R. Starke, of Pittsburg. There have been more than 25 additions since Jan. 1st.

THE CHICAGO BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION.

The spring meeting of the union on April 3rd, at the Auditorium Hotel, was largely attended in expectation of hearing Pres. J. G. Schurman, of Cornell, who is regarded by many as the fittest educator among the men available for the presidency of the University of Chicago. At the last hour, he found it impossible to come, and Dr. Frank G. Smith consented, as he said, "to be laid upon the altar." His address, however, was well received. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Henry R. Baldwin, who has recently moved to Morgan Park; Vice President, Chas. M. Roe; Secretary, O. V. Stoohey; Treasurer, C. H. Warren; Directors: Dr. H. W. Cheney, Dr. de Blois, Messrs. L. K. Gillson, H. L. Hill, John Nuveen, G. B. Simpson, and S. S. Vastine.

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JUNE 23RD, 1906.

Don't forget the annual boat ride and business meeting of the Chicago Association B. Y. P.

June 9th, 2:30 p. m., at the Y. M. C. A. building will be held a union rally of the Junior C. E., Junior Baptist Unioners and the Junior Epworth Leaguers. Every Junior leader is requested to bring a large band of Juniors.

OUR ANNUAL RIDE.

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Sail to Indiana Shore, where
Every one can skylark with Norton;
Vollmer will lead his Northsiders,
Englewood will send Robinson and his band;
Let Hillman ring his Bell for the Southside, and
The Westsiders surround their Dorr.

During the early part of July there will be held at Springfield, Ill., the annual State Assembly. This is a ten-day outing for study and pleasure. The encampment will be in the State Fair grounds, which is said to be in the same family as our city parks. The expense will be small, about \$1.00 per day, tents may be rented for 25 cents per night and meals can be had at about 25 cents each. Then the charge for the lectures and study classes will be small, a season ticket can be purchased for \$1.50; this will entitle the holder to all the lectures and classes during the session. These tickets are for sale after June 1st. Write Mr. R. G. Stronach, 126 Dearborn street. After the assembly will be the international convention at Omaha, July 12 to 15. See "Service" for full particulars. If you do not receive "Service" see Mr. Lyman at B.

Y. P. U. headquarters, room 1020, 324 Dearborn street; \$1.75 will entitle you to a year's subscription to "Service" and an entire afternoon and evening with Theodore Roosevelt June 23rd.

AMONG THE DISTRICT UNIONS North Side.

Theodore Roosevelt will be with us June 23rd; don't forget the date.

Our series of rallies for this past winter have been the most successful of any ever held. The attendance at the first meeting was better than was expected and each succeeding rally was better attended until at last meeting held at Irving Park on March 20th, every seat in the house was taken. The banner was awarded to Maplewood society. Our speakers were of the best and the addresses were very helpful.

At a meeting of the executive committee held April 28, plans were made for our June rally, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Date and program will be announced later. Let us make this June rally the best of the year.

Mr. R. G. Stronach of Rogers Park, chairman of our special rally committee, is making an extended trip through the west and northwest, but he will return before June 23rd.



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South Side.

Our work committee held its meeting for April with the Windsor Park Union. We had a splendid meeting and all present received a great blessing. The May meeting will be held at Harvey May 20th.

Dates to be remembered:

June 21.—Annual business meeting of the District to be held at the West Pullman church.

June 23.—What? Ask your local President. He knows and he wants you to know, so you can have your 75 cents ready for the grand Theodore Roosevelt Boat Ride to Michigan City. Don't plan for anything else on June 23rd.

West Side.

The Executive Board met at the Messiah church Tuesday, April 24th. Supper was served by the young people of the church after the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Preston in the absence of President Dorr. Reports showed our Junior and Hospital work to be encouraging. Two excellent work committees services were held in April, one at the 4th church, led by Dr. Grove, and a complete service at Clyde, of which the B. Y. P. U. was led by Miss Knott and the church service conducted by Miss Clark and Dr. Janson.

The work committee had charge of the B. Y. P. U. at Oak Park May 6th.

Complete services will be held at Berwyn May 20th.

Executive board will meet at the Trinity church, Robey and Ohio streets, May 29th, 6:30 p. m. After a short business session a board social will be held. Let each chairman bring a large delegation.

The Juniors had a joint rally with the C. E.'s Saturday, April 21st, at the Fourth church. There were 313 present, of whom 211 were Baptists. Western Ave. carried off the banner for an attendance of twenty-one from a membership of twenty-three. Don't you think we have good reason to be proud of our Juniors?

Let our West Side turn out a large crowd June 23rd. Come and go with us on the Theodore Roosevelt.

Englewood.

Don't forget our June business meeting. There are only seven unions in our district but

let us get together and take the one big crowd to ride Theodore Roosevelt June 23rd. There ought to be 400 of us go from Englewood.

A memorial volume of Aunt Lizzie Aiken has just been published by Mr. F. S. Atherton. The volume of some seventy pages is neatly edited and bound and contains a brief sketch of Aunt Lizzie's life, the full report of the funeral services, with addresses and tributes from a number of friends and resolutions from various societies. The price of this volume is 50 cents and may be had of Mr. Atherton, 678 Washington Boul.

THE HARPER MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Mr. Andrew McLeish, of the Evanston Church, has subscribed \$10,000 on condition that other members of the board of trustees will, give \$100,000. Mr. Enos M. Barton, of the Memorial Church, another trustee, has given \$10,000. The campaign for subscriptions is well organized, and about \$75,000 are already in sight. A special appeal to the alumni is being made. The effort in behalf of the Divinity memorial building has been abandoned, and the pledges that were made for it are returned with the hope of having them changed in favor of the Harper Memorial.

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—Longfellow.

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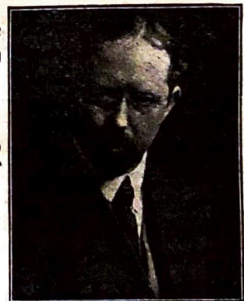
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Toward midnight it began to rain and the wind to blow so hard, I thought the windows would blow in. I braced them as best I could, but the rain increased so in violence, I called the porter. He said "Don't be frightened. It is only a Japanese typhoon." I tried to sleep but it was impossible and soon the windows in the next room blew in with a crash that shook the hotel. Katsu came to my room at 5 o'clock and said probably the tracks had been swept away during the night and we must give up our visit to Sendai. I was very much disappointed, and the next day went back to Yokohama, still hoping I could try it again later.

On the way back saw what destruction the typhoon had wrought. Whole streets of houses with their thatched roofs had been swept away and men, women and children were wandering around homeless.

We then decided to go to China; on our way back, from there, we stopped at Osaka to see Miss Duffield. I can never forget her face. She came running down the stairs with arms outspread, showing her pleasure in seeing some one from home.

I felt Miss Duffield was working too hard. She was very conscientious in her work. Had translated several books in the Bible. She would often come home from the missions after dark, through the narrow streets that were not lighted, but she said "I have no fear."

Sunday afternoon we had time for a little visit and the sending of home letters. She sat at the melodian and we sang home songs. One was "Let the blessed sunshine in."

As I looked at her, the tears came, there was a far-away look in her eyes, and I knew her heart was over the sea that beautiful Sabbath afternoon. She said "I must work and not stop to think."

She was studying hard to learn the language and was a great help to Mr. Scott and Mr. Winn, both missionaries of the union.

Though it poured the next morning, she insisted in going to the station with me, and I left her standing there alone. I only a traveler passing through the country with my face turned homeward, she to remain in that heathen land striving to turn some blinded eyes to Him.

On my way back from Kobe to Yokohama, I noticed the Japanese gazing out of the car windows, and looking out saw a picture that will always remain on memory's walls,—Fujiama, the sacred mountain in all its glory. That wonderful mountain that stands utterly alone in its grace and majesty. The sharp cone covered with snow against the blue background of the sky. Below floated the white clouds and as we gazed, it caught the color from the setting sun and turned to a rosy glow. The Japanese seemed lost in adoration. There was not a word spoken, and I worshipped too. One of their poets writes:

"Great Fryrarma, towering to the sky
A treasure art thou, given to mortal man
A God, protector, watching o'er Japan
On thee forever, let me feast mine eye."

On arriving at Yokohama I found a letter from Mrs. Fisher. She had arranged for me to come

to Tokio, attend the Christian conference and return with Miss Buzzell to Sendai.

The conference is held once a year of all the missionaries of the different denominations. It was held at the home of Dr. Whitney and many of the Baptist missionaries were present. Mrs. Fisher led the devotional exercises. The topic of the meeting was "What shall be the standard of our mission schools." Miss Buzzell's paper was excellent. Nearly all the missionaries taking part in the discussion showing great interest in the subject. In the evening I met at Mrs. Fisher's Mr. and Mrs. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Dearing and Miss Fife.

The next evening I spent at Mrs. Dearing's and was much interested in their two little boys, both born in Japan. After saying good-night to me, the oldest came running back to ask, "Are you a foreign lady?" I said, "Yes." "I am a foreign boy."

On Sunday went with Mrs. Fisher in a double jinriksha with a pull man and a push man to visit some of the missions. First in the central district where I met a Japanese Christian woman over eighty years old who had walked three miles to attend the mission, her bright face showing her joy in being there. Then at Mrs. Topping's, who had a kindergarten class, nothing could have been sweeter than the Japanese children in little kimonas like their mothers. Several of them with their baby brothers or sisters strapped on their backs, going through their exercises. Mrs. Topping said she found it very hard at first to teach them to keep step together. Then to the Sheba Baptist church where Mr. Brand was preaching in English. by his side stood a Japanese interpreting what was said, keeping his eyes on the floor until Mr. Brand had finished the sentence and then repeating it, using the same gestures. It was quite remarkable how he could remember so much. At Mrs. Clement's Miss Buzzell met six or eight young Japanese from her Bible class, who said she had been the means of their conversion, and they loved her, for was she not their spiritual mother? Early the next morning we were on our way to Sendai. But it was not too early for the young students, who were at the station to say goodbye to Miss Buzzell.

How I enjoyed that long day's ride through the beautiful country. The farther north we went the valley broadened, the hills were more defined and it seemed like our own country. The farmers were harvesting their rice, gathering it in bundles and placing them on the ponies' backs until all you could see were their four legs.

Opposite me in the car sat a pretty Japanese woman. When a native lady enters a car, she slips her feet from her tiny shoes, stands upon the seat, wraps a kimona close around her and sits with her feet doubled beneath her. She had several kimonas tied up in a colored handkerchief. They gather the four ends together and tie the knot to look like a butterfly. I tried it and failed. The boys carry their school books in the same way. Our little lady took out a small silver pipe which held just tobacco enough for two or three good whiffs of smoke, then carefully wiped it and put it in her handkerchief.

This she did several times through the day. When we stopped at noon at a station, she bought a box of rice. After taking the cover off and placing the chop sticks on the top, she handed it to me. I was afraid I would have a hard time trying to manage the sticks and so declined with thanks. The porters at the station bring out large kettles of hot water and small teapots on trays.

If you wish the tea, they pour the water into the tea pot and hand it to you through the window. The cover of the tea pot is the cup. You can take your time in drinking it for the tea pots are not gathered up until the next station is reached.

As we neared Sendai Miss Buzzell asked, "Have you your passport?" "No, my passport is in Yokohama in my traveling bag." At that time they were very particular about them. She said recently a stranger arrived without one and he was obliged to sit up all night and leave on the first train in the morning. That was not cheerful news after going through a typhoon and trying so hard to get there. We hoped the darkness would help us out and fortunately the policeman was at the other end of the station. We hailed the first double jinriksha and were quite relieved when on the way to the Home. The next day telegraphed for the guide to bring it when he came for me. The main part of the Home is in European style, the wing in Japanese. It was late when we arrived. The girls had retired and were asleep but Miss Buzzell was anxious I should see them. We went softly along the narrow hall and drew back the sliding doors. In each room there were two girls. There was no furniture and only soft matting on the floor. They place a warm (futon) or quilt on the floor and another for covering. These are rolled up during the day and placed in the closet. The breakfast hour was half past six which was eaten on low tables. Their food being mostly rice. There were a number of girls appointed

each week to wait on the tables and the following week their work was changed, so they were taught to be good housekeepers. Miss Buzzell was very particular and a devoted mother to them. They were taught not to waste a moment and carried their knitting in their kimona sleeve pocket. She had certain hours in the day they could go to her for advice and counsel, and they loved her dearly. How sweet to be in that Christian home with real Japanese girls. Pretty as they are on a painted fan the real Japanese woman is far more charming as she patters along on her wooden clogs or straw sandals. The very poorest of them in their cheap cotton kimonas are picturesque, and I became very much attached to them in the few days that I was there. They were so simple, gentle and childlike.

After breakfast they gathered in the sitting room for morning devotions. There was a melodian and one or two chairs in the room and cushions on the floor. As they came in each had a Bible and hymn book. After reading and prayers they sang. Then I felt at home for they were our hymns with Japanese words and I could follow them. Their young voices rang out clear and strong and my heart went out in praise and thankfulness for that Christian home. In the evening attended prayer meeting conducted entirely by the students. Each one taking part. Miss Buzzell is doing a wonderful work there. When they go to the out stations they take their little melodian with them.

I shall never forget that visit. I afterwards visited the Mary Colby Home at Yokohama; attended the graduating exercises and heard for the first time that beautiful hymn, "Under His wings I am safely abiding," sung in English by the girls and have always loved it since. We heard at our last meeting the needs of the women. The Japanese have defective ideas in regard to position and influence of women. They have no conception of morality or modesty and only a few thousand as yet have been touched by the gospel light.



Found

AUSTIN K. DE BLOIS.

John 1:45.—"We have found Him."

And it was the greatest discovery in the history of the world! Joshua the leader and Ezra the scribe and Isaiah the prophet, the great company of patriarchs and warriors and priests, had sought for Him, and longed for His coming. They had prayed and sacrificed, but had died with the hope of His advent yet unfulfilled. The conquests of David, the glories of Solomon, the defeats and trials of the divided kingdom, the weariness of bondage, the partial splendors of the Maccabees, the fervid appeals of the later prophets—all had failed to reveal Him. But the fulness of time is at hand, and He for whom Moses and the law have waited, He, for whom Elisha and the prophets have waited,

has come at last, and has appeared to Andrew and John and Philip.

And who are Andrew and John and Philip? Neither prophets nor priests, neither rulers nor kings, but unlearned Galilean fishermen. "Not many wise men are called, not many mighty, not many noble; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the earth to confound the wise, and the weak things to confound the things which are mighty."

The secret of the mountains at Cripple Creek was revealed neither to Rockefeller, the man of wealth, nor to Roosevelt, the man of power, but to Stratton, the humble, persistent miner. So the unknown sailor has found a new continent. So the unknown scientist has found a law that

The event recorded in the text is important beyond all conception. Yet how simple are the details of the story! They record the meeting of three rough Galileans with a humble Rabbi. That is all. Is that all? No, for the cry on the lips of Philip the fisherman has been echoed in transports of joy by the noblest men and women of the earth. Good men once evade the beginning of their new life from the utterance of these words. They have been spoken by slaves at the galleys. They have been sung by happy converts in the palaces of the Caesars. The rivers of Africa have heard them. The mountains of India have repeated them. The trees of the northern forests have listened to the whispered secret and murmured its syllables amongst their leafy branches. Times without number husband and wife have uttered the words with trembling lips, and from that moment have looked into each other's eyes with a new tenderness, and a deeper love than they had ever known before.

PHILIP FOUND JESUS CHRIST.

Andrew and John and Philip had wanted the

The zest of all science is the promise of discovery. Addison says that "The Supreme Author of our being has annexed a secret pleasure to the idea of anything that is new and uncommon, that He might encourage us in the pursuit after Him, and engage us to search into the wonders of His creation."

"What were his raptures then! How pure!
How strong!

But to the view of Andrew and his friends, not Nature's self, but Nature's Lord, stood suddenly revealed! Oh the joy of that discovery!

Bacardo, the Spanish romanticist, had sought with long anxiety to find a name sonorous enough for a terrific Saracen chief. One day when out hunting, there came by chance to his mind the name Rodomonte, and hurrying home in delight, he set all the bells of the city ringing in honor of his brilliant discovery. But to Andrew was revealed the "name that is above every name," to whom the knee of every one in heaven and earth shall bow.

What did he seek? What sort of man was he? Philip was no show man. Judas was. But Judas was from Kerioth in Judea, while all the other disciples were from Galilee. The Judeans despised the Galileans. They were fishermen. They were peasants. They had no high degree of culture. Perhaps not, but they had force of character and moral earnestness, which was of better worth.

Andrew and John and Philip, walking together down the main street in Jerusalem, would attract no especial attention. Galileans were frequently seen there, especially at the annual feasts. The blase, well-bred man of the world would pass them by with a glance of contempt. So the pampered children of the city have ever affected to despise the noble-bodied, vigorous-minded sons of the soil and the sea. But the keen-eyed reader of men would look beneath the rough garb and the bronzed faces. He would see there, stamped indelibly upon the life of each, the sign-manual, "character." This one word, this one thing, forever differentiated Judas from the eleven.

We constantly refer to the great apostles of the cross as "ordinary men;" we love to think of them as men of like passions with ourselves. It seems to bring the gospel nearer to us. And yet these ordinary men were extraordinary men.

How Herculean were their toils, how massive was their work, how amazing was their zeal in establishing the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. This man Philip carried about with him the hall-mark of every great soul, the passion for perfection.

The marks by which we recognize a Christian man, or one who is seeking Christ, are two—his thorough dissatisfaction with himself and his longing for a holier nobler life. In the past three years or so I have talked with two or three hundred people who have become Christians and with hundreds who have not. In only one case amongst all these did I find a person who was not conscious of sin. This young woman seemed quite satisfied with her life. It is needless to say, I have never heard of her since. The scars of sin, the ardent desire for completeness of life, indicate the presence of the Spirit stirring within the soul. These qualities were Philip's before he met Christ. Do you want proof? It is readily given! How quickly, with the intuition of a seeking soul, he recognized Christ. How instantly he accepted him as his Lord and Master! How immediately he catches Christ's spirit! How eagerly he seeks out Nathaniel to tell him the precious news, and bring him to Jesus! How honorably we speak of him as Philip the Evangelist, the soul winner! How broad and deep were his interpretations of the Gospel, for without the necessity for a special vision such as Peter required, he preaches to the Ethiopian eunuch, baptizes him, and welcomes him as a true and happy follower of his risen Lord!

It is a most remarkable thing that Andrew and John and Philip should have recognized in the lowly Nazarene, clad in very humble garb, with no insignia of power, the man for whom the ages had been waiting. It takes a great soul to find a great soul!

I often wish to know more about Philip! He was a modest man. He may not have had a great intellect, but he had a great heart. Such men of truth may not add much to the world's science or the world's letters. But in a life journey of fifty or sixty years they make the world distinctly better. In a garden choked with noxious weeds, the rose-bush may be overgrown and unrecognized, but the fragrance of its blossom is everywhere upon the breeze and in the air.

In the multitudes who thronged the footsteps of the Son of Man there were few who really found Him, because there were few who really sought Him. Yet how inspiring are His own words, "Seek and ye shall find!"

The woman who has lost a coin seeks it. She seeks it with anxious eyes, she seeks it with a candle's light, she seeks it with the careful sweep of the broom! And she finds it! She needs it for she is poor. The man who feels the poverty of his life, and knows he has lost something precious—the view of heaven—the vision of God the perspective of the soul, if he seek the lost treasure will find it, God stakes his eternal love on the surety of that promise.

PHILIP FOUND LESS THAN HE SOUGHT.

I speak after the manner of men. Philip was a

Jew. He shared the ideas of his time. He expected that the Messiah would bring glory and honor to the Jewish people. His blessings would be spiritual, but they would be also material. Why, even John, who was brought to Jesus at the same time, John who was the "beloved disciple," and who shared Christ's deepest spiritual experiences, comes with his brother James to beseech the Master that they may be allowed posts of highest honor in his earthly kingdom.

Philip expected a royal crown for the Messiah but he lived to see him crucified like a common criminal. Philip's greatness is seen in the fact that he followed in spite of all the disillusion and surprises that came to him. Here Judas failed utterly, and failed tragically, for he became the very instrument of his Master's death. Jesus tells Philip, with the others, that he must bear the cross and deny himself. This is far less than he expected, than he sought, but he does not draw back. The Master, as He sends His disciples forth warns them that they shall be persecuted, and driven from city to city, and treated most shamefully. This does not daunt him, for with Nathaniel, also called Bartholomew, whom he himself brought to Christ, he goes forth to do the Master's bidding. He sees Christ rejected, captured, crucified, buried, but he is still faithful. In the years that follow he finds drudgery instead of honor, poverty instead of riches, spiritual struggles instead of material conquests, martyrdom instead of sovereignty. Yet he is more than satisfied!

PHILIP FOUND MORE THAN HE SOUGHT.

He sought the Messiah of the law and the prophets; he found the Saviour of the world. He sought the king of the Jews; he found the King of kings.

It is said that the discovery of butterflies in the Malay Archipelago caused Mr. Wallace, the great naturalist, "tortures of delight." But when in his search he lighted upon an exceedingly rare specimen of a particular variety, the blood rushed to his head, and he felt much more like fainting than he had done on a former occasion in the apprehension of immediate death. It was so much more than he had expected. But here is a discovery which infinitely outranks all the most fascinating results of the scientists' investigations. More than a rare butterfly, more than a probing of Nature's forces, more than the unfolding of a natural law, hidden from the foundations of the world, is the discovery of Philip!

He rejoiced beyond measure because he had found the Messiah. Ah, how amazed, how terrified, how beside himself with holy joy, would he have been, if in that hour it had been fully revealed to him that the Nazarene was in very truth "The only Begotten Son of God!" Surely it was well that the Master led the minds of the disciples step by step, gently, though surely, to that perfect revelation. Otherwise their reason could hardly have endured the shock—as our body quivers and dies before the blazing brilliancy and awful power of the swift lightning bolt.

All the records of secular history attest the fact that those who seek fulness of life in the material world will get less than they seek.

All sacred history confirms the fact that those who seek fullness of life in the spiritual world through fellowship with Christ, find more than they seek. They find the richer life; they find also the joy of sacrifice, the blessing of service, the inspiration of a pure ideal, the uplifting power of a divine enthusiasm.

Alexander dies just as he is beginning to carry out his colossal plan for the establishment of Greek life and Greek learning through the founding of Greek cities and colonies in all parts of the earth; and his gigantic kingdom falls to pieces. Jesus Christ dies after three years of work, and the Gospel of the obscure Galilean becomes in three centuries the religion of the whole civilized world.

LASTLY, CHRIST FOUND PHILIP BEFORE PHILIP FOUND CHRIST.

The younger son in the parable goes to find life. He mingles in new scenes. He finds a feverish pleasure in his new experiences. But money goes! Reputation goes! Manhood goes! Still he seeks life. But he finds poverty and rags, the husks and the swine-trough. Then he seeks his father, sad and re-

pentant. Again he seeks life, but in what a different spirit. He is humble now. His highest hope is that he may be made one of the hired servants. Ah! His father's heart of love has already found him, has been with him indeed all through his wandering. Not a servant but a son shall he be; so the ring is set on his finger, and the fatted calf is killed. How much more than he sought! Yes, because the Father was waiting to receive him.

So it was with Philip. Christ found Philip before Philip found Christ. This fact the narrative tells us very clearly. It also tells us how Christ saw Nathaniel under the fig-tree. It was probably before he knew that such a person as Jesus Christ lived, but it was a time of heart-searching and aspiration after better things. "In that silent hour of meditation, I found thee," the Master tells him tenderly. So whenever our soul goes out toward higher things, we find the Master, because the spirit of the Master has already found us, and followed us. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He is ever seeking, ever searching, ever helping, ever saving. He is by you now. Will you clasp His loving hand, and go with Him?

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My soul's retreat,
And gently led Thy erring child
Back to Thy feet.

No word of harshness didst Thou speak
To grieve my heart;
No cloud of anger, on Thy brow,
Made tear-drops start;
But in Thine eyes I saw the pain
My sins had cost,
And knew the anguish of Thy heart
When souls are lost.

Too long in sinful paths I've walked;
Today I see
The sins and errors of my ways,
While far from Thee;
Take Thou, O Lord, my heart this day,
Cleanse it from sin,
Make it a Temple, clean and pure,
And dwell therein.

THE ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM.

In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus puts the poor in spirit first. They stand at the entrance to the kingdom.

It is so of all kingdoms. The kingdom of knowledge is only for those who feel their ignorance, their need of knowledge, who come knocking like beggars at the door of the temple, and who enter its halls with listening ear, and submissive, teachable spirit. The boy who thinks he knows enough already or that he knows more than his teacher does not get on. He will not take the honors; knowledge will never be his kingdom. Many young people are kept from the schools because they are poor; but more are kept away because they are not poor in spirit; because they are not conscious of the poverty and emptiness and weakness of ignorance.

And the same is true of the kingdom of art. "If you were poor," said Turner to his rich young pupil, "you would make a great painter." With his wealth he did not feel the need of success in art. He was something in the world without it.

In religion it is still more intensely true. To the Laodiceans Jesus said: "Because thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." They were far from the kingdom. To be poor in spirit, as Jesus uses the phrase, is to know that

we are poor and naked and blind without the grace of God and the salvation of the soul. Jesus was laying down principles in special opposition to the Pharisees. And Canon Mozley says: "The Pharisee did not know he was a Pharisee; if he had known it, he would not have been a Pharisee. The victim of passion may be converted, he whom the show of life has captivated, the gay and the thoughtless. But who is to convert the hypocrite? He does not know he is a hypocrite. A hypocrite in the vulgar sense knows that he is a hypocrite, because he deceives another. But the Scripture hypocrite is the deceived, too. An impenetrable wall hides him from himself, and he is safe from his own scrutiny. Hence that great and conspicuous point of view in which the Pharisee always appears in the Gospel, viz., as incapable of repentance. Therefore it was said to him: 'The publicans and harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you.'"

Again, the minds of the people were full of mistaken preconceptions about the Kingdom. Most of these misconceptions were based upon the idea that they were the special favorites of heaven and that the Messiah would bring to them just what they most wanted. They had too many ideas of their own, too many wishes of their own, about the Kingdom. They needed to turn all of these out of their minds and become empty minded so that Jesus could fill them. Those who come to Sunday School or church with their minds full of their own ideas are hard to teach. The truth of God does not find an opening or lodging place.

In the last analysis, the poor in spirit are those who look upon the holy law of God, and upon the perfections of his character, and realize how far from them they are, and yet how beautiful is the perfection of holiness. There they are prepared to receive him who was made sin that they might be made the righteousness of God in him, and to be blessed of the Spirit which makes the new creature.

To be poor in spirit therefore, is to be aspiring, that is to know and feel the need of what is greatest, and to aspire to it. Hence the appropriateness of the reward—"theirs is the Kingdom." For a kingdom would not be appropriate for those who had no aspirations for it—*Advance*.

Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect; that summit is impossible if there is no divine Christ to lead and lift us thither.—*Van Dyke*.

When you think you have put forth all your energies, go to work as if nothing had been done.—*Selected*.

HOW TO CONQUER TEMPTATION.

HENRY W. ROSE.

No one can go through life without meeting temptation. It is inseparable from the Christian's experience, and is a matter that compels earnest consideration. We must recognize first of all, that temptation is an inducement to do something which is intrinsically wrong. Therefore, the very thought of being tempted should put us on our guard, and is to be looked upon as a danger signal. And, should we be led to ask, Would it be a sin to do so and so, we may generally take it for granted that the better and safer course is to give ourselves the benefit of the doubt. Nobody was ever "tempted" to do what is right.

We perhaps sometimes flatter ourselves that we, professed Christians, resist temptations to do many things which would shock us; yet, the truth is, they are not really temptations to us, because we have no inherent desire to do them. It is no credit to a Christian that he does not steal or murder, or do other atrocious things. But it is a credit to the child of God if the temper is controlled, the passions subdued, if the subtle, minor sins are fought against and overcome. We are deluded if we think that it is a victory over the temper when we merely abstain from doing what it would be distasteful to do.

While temptation is commonly viewed as a terrible thing, possibly we do not often think of it in the light of an opportunity to gain a victory. Yet the greater the temptation, the larger may be the victory. And each victory makes another easier, just as each defeat makes the next more certain. We cannot conquer temptation by dodging it, or trying to. To go round the corner is different from meeting a foe and vanquishing him. When temptation comes, let us bravely meet it, and take a firm stand, and be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

We especially need to overcome the hidden temptations, that are not open to every one's gaze; those "little favorite temptations," so deadly in their effect; in short, "the sin that doth so easily beset us."

It is worth remembering that a good many victories are only known to the individual and to God. As Burns so beautifully puts it, "What's done we partly may compute,

But know not what's resisted."

So if we fall, and others see it, let us be cheered and encouraged to get up and try again, bearing in mind that perhaps for one time we fell there have been ninety-nine when we successfully resisted, though none knew of it.

Again, temptation is a chance to show one's colors. If the tempter finds that we are strong on any particular point, he will cease to attack us there, but will search for the weak spots in our armor, and deal his blows at them. So we

need to ever be on the alert, and "let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

When Jesus was severely tempted He won the day by using the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God; so can we. A text of scripture quoted in the hour of temptation will work wonders—if it be appropriate. The devil, we are told, "can quote scripture for his own purpose." Then surely the Christian should be able to use it for his purposes, too.

The well-known hymn says, "Yielding is sin." Remember, the fact that we are tempted is not of itself sin, but the yielding to it is. If we learn to instantly recognize temptation, no matter in what form, however alluring it may come, it will be much easier to resist it. One good way to get a victory is to take action the very first moment the temptation appears—nip it in the bud. To dilly-dally and compromise is almost certain to end in defeat, none the less complete because it came gradually. When tempted, say "No!" and having said it do not retract one inch, but hold your ground.

We should not run into temptation, nor go to places where we are sure we shall meet it; that would be seeking it, the first step toward yielding to it. No; but being in the face of temptation, make it plain that our position is that of one who can say No! and mean it.

Perhaps we mistake God's trying us for the devil's tempting us. This is a vital point. Our faith will often be tried; Satan will never cease tempting. But God never seeks to induce one of His children to sin; Satan is everlastingly trying to do that. Let us each one endeavor to cultivate discernment so that we may know when we are tried and when tempted.

Conquering temptation depends upon having the power that God will give us, if we want Him to. This strength may be had by living in close touch with heaven; by constantly maintaining an attitude of willingness to be led by the Spirit. Remembering what the consequences of yielding will be, should prove an effectual safeguard. We ought to profit by the sad experiences of those who have fallen.

Temptation may indeed be a source of strength to the Christian if he gets victory out of it. Let us see to it that we will be master over the things that trip us up; we can be, and why should we not be? And, for our encouragement, it is written that we have a Saviour who "was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin." Thank God for the One who has gone the way before us, and promises to help us when we are sorely tempted.

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The first lesson in religion is, be true; the second lesson is, be true; and the third lesson is, be true.—Robertson.